

THOUSANDS OF TROOPS FLOCK TO KERENSKY

Division of Cossacks on March From Finland— Loyalists Near Capital.

GARRISON IS WAVERING

Soldiers at Moscow Re- ported to Have Retrans- ferred Allegiance.

BLOW TO EXTREMISTS

Premier Himself Reported Definitely Not Far From Petrograd.

LONDON, Nov. 11.—Premier Koreskoff arrived at Lugna, eighty-five miles south-west of Petrograd, last Wednesday, and the garrison there attested its loyalty to his provisional Government, according to a Petrograd despatch of Saturday to the *Weekly Despatch*. Saturday morning he reached Gatchina, thirty miles south-west of Petrograd, where the same thing happened.

The newspaper's advices add that

troops loyal to the Provisional Government are known to be near Petrograd, and a division of Cossacks is on the march from Finland. This news was given out at the Smolny Institute, the headquarters of the Workman's and Soldiers' Congress.

The garrison at Petrograd, which two days ago was solid for the Extremists, now is said again to be wavering in its allegiance.

The *Weekly Dispatch's* advice as to that at the Town Hall it was rumored Friday night that most of the Moscow

M. Skobelev, Minister of Labor in Kerensky's Ministry, in addressing a meeting Friday night at the Town Hall said that the railway workers' union which at first had worked under the instructions of Nikolai Lenin, now declared itself wholly on the side of the Committee of Public Safety, and that it would not obey further orders of the Provisional Government.

the heaviest blow that the movement of the extremists has yet received. In sixteen ministries the union of government servants has instructed its members to strike, thus paralyzing the whole governmental machinery.

Another indication of the larger picture, which is also being reflected in the German and Soviet press, is the support of the German and Soviet governments for the East German peace proposals. The main press review for the Petrograd today were believed to reflect the state that affairs were developing.

All hope that the revolt was a mere spontaneous outburst which would soon be crushed out appears to have vanished. The German and Soviet embassies in Petrograd, the NKVD, the Leningrad committee leader, has announced that an embassy conference will be held in Petrograd to discuss the peace proposal to Germany will have to be the foreign policy of the new Government.

It is now obvious that Germany must accept the terms or be prepared to continue the war against the Russian people in a more definite manner.

here. Diplomats say Germany will agree to discuss any fanciful terms which Lenin may propose to insure an armistice. Then the favorite German trick, prolonging negotiations to gain time, would, it is believed, be indulged in, with the result that Russia's part in the war would be definitely over.

Would Eliminate Russia.

This fear is naturally based on the assumption that the Maximalists may continue in control long enough to start peace negotiations leading to an armistice. This would imply ordering Russian troops home from the front and one here seriously believes a partial demobilization could be undertaken without eliminating Russia for good and as a factor in the present war.

It is emphasized here that Lenin's programme is calculated to appeal to the masses of Russian troops under strong leadership can assert itself.

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land to the peasants, which means so
diers. There has been a movement
Russia in favor of bringing back lar
bodies of troops to facilitate the trans
port of food to the civilian population.
The Maximalists claim that the fo

The frank manner in which these grave aspects of the situation were discussed to-day shows that officials of the United States Government believe the time has come for the American public to see the facts in their own light. It may be, it is explained, that a remedy will come unexpectedly, but at present there are few if any hopeful signs.

Francis Confirms Bad Reports.

So far the State Department has maintained silence because it has had no of-

cial advice on the subject. Word came to-day, however, from American Ambassador Francis at Petrograd. It confirms press reports of the revolt and adds that all the Ministers except Kerensky, are under arrest.

In other respects the advice given the State Department an insight into the seriousness of the situation, although it appears that Ambassador Francis had had great difficulty in learning what conditions are outside of Petrograd.

The American Consul-General at Moscow